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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL PARTICIPATES IN OPERATION SAFE DRIVER

~ Efforts aim to reduce the number of crashes involving passenger cars and commercial vehicles ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. –Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, announced today that the Patrol will participate in Operation Safe Driver on Oct. 16 - 22. The national campaign, organized by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance in partnership with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, targets drivers of passenger and commercial vehicles.

In fatal crashes that involve commercial trucks, 88 percent of the time the crash is attributable to driver error by both car and truck drivers. During Operation Safe Driver, troopers will be out in full force performing driver safety inspections on commercial trucks and targeting unsafe driving habits on the roadways. Operation Safe Driver will have a razor sharp focus on targeting and taking aggressive enforcement action for poor decisions made by drivers of commercial vehicles as well as passenger vehicles operating unsafely around them.

“Activities such as Operation Safe Driver have had a noticeable effect,” said Brierton. “The number of commercial vehicle related crashes in Florida is at its lowest since 2001.”

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov or follow us on Twitter @[@FDHSMV](https://twitter.com/FDHSMTV). You can find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FDHSMTV), too.

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